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1. TENTATIVE TUNIS SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY MAY 11: 1630 ARRIVAL VIA AF 2793 FROM ALGIERS/MARSEILLES, REFRESHMENTS AT AIRPORT; TRANSPORTATION TO HOTEL AFRICA BY MINIBUS.

1900 - TEAM BRIEFING AT RESIDENCE ECON/COMM COUNSELOR LOGAN, GAMMARTH.

WEDNESDAY MAY 12: 0730 BREAKFAST BRIEFING ON "DOING BUSINESS IN TUNISIA" IN CHAIRMAN'S SUITE;

0830 - REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS, 0900 SEMINAR OPENING CEREMONY WITH REMARKS BY A GOT MINISTER (PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA OR MINAG BELKHODJA), CHARGE, AND CHAIRMAN LONG. (NOTE: MEDALS WIL NOT RPT NOT BE PRESENTED AT OPENING AND WILL NOT BE GIVEN TO BELKHODJA WHO RECEIVED ONE IN 1973); 0930-1300 FIRST DAY PRESENTATIONS BY JACOBS, IIDC, AND FMC. (NOTE: ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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RECEIVED COMPLETE RESPONSE TUNIS REFTEL, WE ASSUME FMC

WILL TAKE SLOT ASSIGNED AGRO-TECH IN STATE REFTEL).

1300-1500 LUNCH (NOTE: NO BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN TUNIS DURING LUNCH HOUR EXCEPT OVER LUNCH.)

1500 - BRIEFING ON AGRICULTURAL SECTOR GOT 5TH PLAN (1977-1981) BY MINAG PLANNING DIVISION (REQUESTED);
1600-1730 APPOINTMENTS: 1830 RECEPTION HOSTED BY CHARGE.

THURSDAY MAY 13: 0900-1200 SECOND DAY PRESENTATIONS BY ROME, AMOCO, WORLD FOOD; 1200 CLOSING CEREMONY WITH REMARKS BY MOHAMED GHEDIRA, PRESIDENT OF UNA; AMB OR CHARGE, AND CHIARMAN LONG; P& F MEDAL COULD BE PRESENTED AT THIS TIME TO GHEDIRA IF APPROPRIATE; 1500-1800 APPOINTMENTS.

FRIDAY MAY 14: 0730-1300 VISIT TO AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN TUNIS AREA, ORGANIZED BY UNA AND OMVV MEJERDA. HAVE SCHEDULED MORNING TOUR DUE RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE FRIDAY AFTERNOON. 1500-1800 APPOINTMENTS (PRIVATE SECTOR ONLY)

2. PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN CABLE IF ANY CHANGES REQUIRED IN ABOVE SCHEDULE.

3. UNA PRESENTLY DISCUSSION OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR LUNCH AND DINNER PERIODS. WILL NOTIFY AS SOON AS ANY ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE. UNA WILL ALSO ARRANGE SCHEDULE, ON BASIS OUR SUGGESTIONS, FOR COURTESY CALLS BY LONG.

4. VISIT TO AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS IN SOUTH (ARID REGIONS) CAN BE ARRANGED, BUT SOME ADVANCE PLANNING IS NECESSARY. HOTEL RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE MADE ASAP IN HEAVILY BOOKED JERBA/ZARZIS AREA. UNA WILL ARRANGE PROGRAM FOR FULL DAY SATURDAY TOUR OF REGION. SUGGEST GROUP LEAVE TUNIS FRIDAY EVENING MAY 14 AT 2000 (TU 917) OR 2130 (TU 717), SPENDING FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING JERBA (FAMOUS RESORT ISLAND OFF SOUTH COAST TUNISIA). RETURN FLIGHTS WITH OR WITHOUT LAYOVER IN TUNIS ARE POSSIBLE. ESSENTIAL THAT DECISION BE MADE THIS EXCURSION ASAP.

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5. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SERVICES OF MRS. OLGA ZOGHBY AS SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETER TO WORK WITH MRS. KEDDLALI. RATES ARE \$165 PER DAY, INCLUDING EXSCORT INTERPRETING AS REQUIRED. THESE ARE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL RATES ACCORDING OUR INFORMATION. WOULD APPRECIATE LIST OF PRESENTATIONS WHICH KEDDALI WILL PREPARE FOR ALGIERS SO ZOBHBY CAN PREPARE REMAINDER TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EFFORT.

6. JOINT LETTER SIGNED BY CHARGE AND GHEDIRA HAS BEEN
SENT TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND AGENCIES,
TO INVITE THEM AND SOLICIT NAMES OF SUBORDINATES TO
INVITE. PRINTED INVITATIONS TO SEMINAR AND RECEPTION,
SCHEDULE FOR SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS, AND BROCHURE WILL BE
SENT EARLY MAY TO THIS GROUP PLUS COMMERCIAL/PRIVATE
SECTOR CONTACTS OF EMBASSY.

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